

REMARKS

This current Reply is responsive to a current and non-final Office Action having a Restriction/Election Requirement that was dated 08/10/2007.

The current Office Action asserted that the following two (2) Groups exist in the claims of the instant Patent Application:

Group I, claims 1-54, 62-70, and 72; and
Group II, claims 55-61 and 71.

It is noted that Applicants respectfully traverse the Office Action's characterization of the Application and the invention(s) therein. For example, the various described aspects are not necessarily "subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination" (as asserted on Page 2 of the Current Office Action).

Nevertheless, as indicated herein above, the claims of Group I (claims 1-54, 62-70, and 72) have been selected for prosecution in the instant Patent Application. The claims of Group II (claims 55-61 and 71) have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter(s) of Group II in one or more continuing patent applications.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-72 are allowable. With claims 1-54, 62-70, and 72 to be examined in the instant Patent Application, allowance of claims 1-54, 62-70, and 72 is hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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